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SUBJECT: ANKARA MEDIA REACTION REPORT
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Milliyet
Cyprus Condition Causes Tension in Ankara - Sabah
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Last-minute Cyprus Condition Added to EU report - Hurriyet
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Cyprus Condition From EU - Radikal
Verheugen: An EU That Includes Turkey Means Peace - Radikal
Ray of Hope for Guantanamo Prisoners - Radikal
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Turkey Decides to De-Mine Syrian Border - Cumhuriyet
US Senate Approves \$87 Billion Budget Request - Yeni Safak
Ambassador Logoglu Asks US Not to Favor Kurds in Iraq -
Zaman

BRIEFING

Attack Against Turkish Embassy in The Hague: A molotov
cocktail was tossed into the courtyard of the Turkish
Embassy in the Hague yesterday. Dutch police announced that
the attack had not been carried out for political reasons.
While Turkish officials blame the Netherlands for
insufficient security measures, the Dutch press claimed that
embassy staff had exaggerated the incident.

EU Commission Report: "Hurriyet" reports that the EU
commission has added a last minute 'Cyprus condition' to its
progress report on Turkey, which is due to be released
today. The condition, which appears in the report's
strategic annex, says that 'the deadlock in Cyprus could
become a serious obstacle to Turkey's accession.'
"Hurriyet" draws attention to the Copenhagen Criteria for EU
entry, noting that the Cyprus issue was not among the
criteria conditions. "Zaman" says that the Cyprus condition
has stirred tension in Ankara. The MFA issued a statement
criticizing the move, noting that 'meeting the Copenhagen
Criteria is the condition for Turkey's accession, and
linking the Cyprus issue with EU accession is not
acceptable.'

Goodwill Gesture From Greece in Western Thrace: "Sabah"
reports that the Greek government is planning to give new
rights to the Turkish minority in Western Thrace. Last week
the Greek government adopted a new decision to allow the
teaching of Turkish as a second language in secondary and
high schools.

Ambassador Logoglu Comments: "Zaman" reports that Turkish
Ambassador to Washington Faruk Logoglu asked called on the
US not to show favoritism toward the Kurds in Iraq. Logoglu
claimed that all other groups in Iraq except for the Kurds
are in favor of a Turkish troop deployment. Unfortunately,
the US has not exerted sufficient effort to convince the

Kurds in the Iraqi interim government. Washington, he said, apparently 'lacks the will' to persuade the Council. Logoglu said that Turkey would send troops only with a specific invitation from the IGC. He also criticized the United States for not taking action against the PKK/KADEK in Iraq. On this issue, Logoglu concluded, 'the patience of the Turkish people is wearing thin.'

EDITORIAL OPINION

"President Bush's war on two fronts"

Semih Idiz commented from the U.S. in the mass appeal Aksam (11/5): "A considerable number of the Americans I have met are not, in principle, against the war in Iraq. The absence of WMD in Iraq has not affected their opinion very much, for they believe Saddam Hussein would definitely have supported WMD attacks in the future had he been allowed to remain in power. The issue is not the toppling of Saddam. Americans are angry that the US rushed into the war at the cost of alienating its allies, with a false self-confidence incompatible with the facts. They also complain that possible post-war problems were not adequately considered. President Bush's recent remarks tying the escalation of attacks to US success in Iraq has further fanned that anger. . Although deeply concerned by the recent attacks, Americans understand that a US withdrawal from Iraq in the short term is impossible. . They also know that casualties are inevitable in war, but they can't understand why their soldiers are dying for nothing. President Bush is trying to show that everything is under control, but it is difficult to say that he is being successful."

"Staying out of Iraq"

Mim Kemal Oke observed in the conservative/mass appeal HA-Tercuman (11/5): "The history of the Turkish experience in Iraq, just like the Armenian Question, is being distorted in such a way as to cause animosity toward Turkey. Unfortunately, Turkey has always regarded its neighbors as enemies, and has chosen not to try to win them over. . Developing a greater interest in the region will not cause Turkey to be perceived as pro-Saddam, nor will it destroy our secularism. Turkey's secular and democratic qualities should serve as a model for the Middle East. Being successful in the fight against terror is not a commodity to be sold cheaply. Instead, we must become a country of freedoms and progress in democratization. Turkey's identity can become a center of attraction. We haven't understood that the quality of our democratization is what we have to offer to the region."

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